

École Seaforth Elementary School

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<http://seaforth.sd41.bc.ca/>

Dates to Remember:

March 14	Report Cards Sent Home
March 15	Last day of classes before Spring Break
March 18 - 22	Spring Break – school closed
March 25	School re-opens

Please visit our school website to view our regularly updated school calendar:

<http://seaforth.sd41.bc.ca/>

Message from Mr. Hiltz

We were very happy to celebrate Pink Shirt Day with an Assembly focused on Kindness put on by some of our local RCMP members. We learned three very key messages relating to kindness: Be kind to things, Be kind to others and Be kind to yourself. These positive messages of kindness were reinforced for us throughout the Assembly by our guests. One of our special guests, Sergeant Safety Bear, even paid a visit to some of the students on the playground at recess. Our guests also spoke about the importance of having inner and outer strength and how it is important to feed ourselves with positive messages. I am sure your child will have more to share with you about the assembly including our three student police officers that got to handcuff some of our teachers! It was quite exciting. Our students looked AMAZING all dressed in pink to honor Pink Shirt Day. Quite a fitting day to have such an assembly.

Our guests were impressed with our school focusing on kindness for the entire month, our Duc et Duchess of Kindness (thanks to Mrs. Glavas for gathering all the names for the newsletter. You are able to read more later on in another section) and our Peer Mediator Program as well. They applauded Seaforth for these programs and said that all of our students should be proud of these things. Corporal Reamer said he was not aware of any other school that makes the theme of kindness a month long focus with Pink Shirt being the highlight at the end of February. We have included some photos of the lovely art work throughout the school celebrating the theme this month.

Special recognition goes to Julia Han for her winning t-shirt design to help celebrate Seaforth's Pink Shirt Day. 'Kindness is Louder than Bullying' sends that special message that we have been focussing on for the past month and for two years now during the month of February.

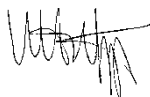
Congratulations to Julia for her winning design and to all the other students who submitted entries. The other entries are currently on display in the gym for everyone to see. Thanks very much to all students for participating in the contest.

We had a very enjoyable Carnaval week as well. There were lots of things happening. Our Assembly featured performances by many classes as well as a visit from Bonhomme, there were maple cookies and crêpes to be eaten and a special performance by 'Vazzy in New France' to keep us all entertained throughout the week. My thanks to the many teachers who helped organize the week. There are others to thank as well which you will read about later.

Second term Report Cards will be issued on Thursday, March 14, 2013, just prior to Spring Break. Please make every effort to sign the comment card and return it, along with the envelope, to the school the next day so that it does not get misplaced over the break. Report Cards WILL NOT be issued early for families leaving early for Spring Break as they will more than likely not be ready on time. If you are leaving early for Spring Break, you may pick up your child's Report Card from his/her teacher upon returning to school after the break. We appreciate your understanding in this matter.

Basketball season is coming to a close and our teams have been doing very well. Thank you to Mr. Lapthorne and Mrs. Moore for their excellent leadership and coaching abilities. I know that many of you have come out to watch the games. We have witnessed some very exciting games. The playdays are coming up very soon and we wish our boys and girls teams great success at the Tournaments.

As the month of February draws to a close, so too does Registration for Kindergarten for the 2013 – 2014 school year. Please make sure you have registered your child for school for the fall if they will be coming to Seaforth. As well, if you know of others who do not currently have children at Seaforth and will have children attend in the fall, please remind them that we are winding up registration in the next couple of days. It is important for us to have as many students as possible registered so we can plan staffing for the school accordingly. Please help us in this process by getting your child registered and spreading the word to others. Thanks!!



Mr. W. Hiltz
Principal/Directeur

Telephones, electronics, toys, and sports equipment at school

Students are NOT to bring electronic equipment to school. There is a risk of either losing or having it damaged. Many students have electronic games, as well as iPods, MP3 players, and telephones. We have requested that these items remain at home, however students sometimes need their phone to contact parents at the end of the day, not during the school day. This is, of course, a safety consideration, but the school Staff ask that students store them away during the school day. There is a telephone available in the office for student use with a phone pass from their teacher. Please make sure that students know that if they bring toys or sports equipment to school, they are at risk of losing or damaging these items. The school is not responsible for lost or damaged items. We thank you for your assistance and cooperation with these issues. As we all know, it is very upsetting when a student loses a personal item.

A Calendar Conversation – see email attachment #1a & #1b

In an effort to ensure that all parents/guardians are kept informed regarding the ongoing discussions related to the 2013 – 2014 School Calendar, we are sending this information out to you again. Please see the attachments which accompany this newsletter email. We are also sending it home in paper format. Please take the time to complete the survey on-line or in the paper format we will be providing this week. This is your opportunity to provide feedback on the calendar for the next school year.

The facts on influenza and norovirus in BC – see email attachment #2

The Ministry of Health, Office of the Provincial Health Office has provided Information Bulletin 2013HLTH0010-000061. Please see the attachment which accompanies this newsletter email.

Reminders from the School Office

1. If you have any changes to your child's information (address, home phone, email, cell, your work number or emergency contact changes) please let the school office know as soon as possible. ***This information is critical if the school needs to contact you in an emergency.*** You can send this information via a note with your child. If your address has changed then we will need 2 documents to copy for your child/ren's school files. These documents could be a phone bill, hydro bill, electric bill, rental purchase agreement, drivers' license with current address.
2. If your child is going to be absent due to illness, has a medical appointment, vacation etc., please call the school **before 9:00 a.m.** You are able to leave a voice message if the school office is closed or if Mrs. Avila is busy and can't answer the telephone. Please be sure to state your child's name, teacher and reason for absence. If your child arrives late, please have them check in at the office before going to class. ***Please call and not email*** – (if Mrs. Avila is not here no one will get the message).
3. **The LOST and FOUND is overflowing! Items are on display in the hallway outside the gym door until the end of next week. Please check for any items that your child may have lost. Small items such as jewelry, glasses or keys are in the office. Unclaimed items will be sent to charity.**

Teamwork by Mrs. Glavas

One of the most wonderful things about Seaforth is that we work as a team. Staff, students, parents and the community all want the best for the school and the students, and since we all have a common goal, Seaforth is a positive place to work and go to school. That’s not to say that problems don’t occur. They do, but like any great team with a common goal, we work together to sort it out the best we can, and often become a stronger team in the end.

Teams also need to celebrate when something is going well. This month, the following students were chosen to represent all of the kind and caring citizens of their classes, like ambassadors, as the Ducs and Duchesses of their divisions, during our French Carnaval activities.

Div 1 Emma Regan Ishwir Jhuti	Div 2 Justin Yan Annika Fong	Div 3 Paul Hinta Yasmin Rajwani	Div 4 Owen Brosseau Katherine van Klaveren	Div 5 Nathan Briggs Hannah Regan
Div 6 Justin Wong Emily Su	Div 7 Yuva Belarbia Yuki Zhao	Div 8 Callum Lehingrat Carina Fota	Div 9 Maxwell Yuen Sofija Sebez	Div 10 Marcus Taylor Natasha Lee
Div 11 Zach Mankoo Simran Vig	Div 12 Declan Cheng Harmony Dominelli	Div 13 JiSung Smith Amelie McCormack	Div 14 Brandon Fong Teiya Lam	Div 15 Dylan Vo-Tran Emily Hwang
Div 16 Matteo Zambrano Felicia Wang	Div 17 Andrew Sun Sydney Vidler	Div 18 Kaden Giese Alexis Chan	Div 19 Denis Zukic Braxton Sami	Div 20 Ziyaan Bharmal Hannah Unrau
Div 21 Chase Van Dijk Deeya Bavishi				

The annual Streetheart Classic Basketball Competition was a great success this year and this was made especially so, not only because of the students’ excellent physical skills, but because it highlighted the honesty, kindness and sportsmanship at our school. Mrs. Moore was thrilled to report that students refereed games and that there were no problems. Students even called fouls on themselves! As part of the Streetheart Classic, paper hearts were put out to thank, encourage and/or recognize other basketball players for their participation and teamwork. The bulletin boards in the hallway and Gym were overflowing with thoughtfulness.



Exceptional consideration went to **Shayla Taranoff from Div. 8**, as she was the only student, besides the students involved in the Streetheart Classic, who took the time to write a heart message to the players that read **“Never Give Up!”** inspiring all who read it, and truly showing us how working together and supporting one another is the basis for all amazing teams.



Teamwork also happens across the different grade levels. Our Buddy classes work to enhance a caring and supportive environment around the school. Mrs. Kaga’s Grade 2s and Mrs. Moore’s Grade 7s are “Buddies Stickin-Together”. This past month they showcased this by writing each other friendly little stickee notes that were posted in the hallway in the shape of a heart.

Seaforth truly has heart! Go team! ☺





Quelle belle semaine de Carnaval !

This is the 10th year we have celebrated Carnaval at École Seaforth and taken time to celebrate the traditional Quebec winter event.

Monday we started with a rousing Opening Ceremony with performances by Div. 15, 19, 17, 8 and 10. Wooden spoons, the dance "La Bastringue", the sugar shack and high drama with the MISERABLE hockey lockout kick-started the show. The Grade 7s were fabulous MCs

and dancers providing a historical voyage into the Italian roots of the festival with stops in Brazil and New Orleans before heading back to Quebec City.

Tuesday there were photo op moments with Bonhomme for Seaforth's primary students and on Wednesday *Vazzy in Nouvelle France* performed introducing the school to the French explorers Cartier and Champlain who came to discover the New World influencing today's French Canadian music, culture and heritage. Staff were also treated to a special lunch time surprise, crêpes with fruit and maple syrup. Special thanks to Jackie Li! Formidable!

On Thursday, all primary students enjoyed a special treat of crêpes and fruit as cooked by Jackie Li, a Grade 7 mom. Thank-you very much to Jackie and the volunteer parents who helped out. It was truly tasty and fantastique ! All students received a maple cookie and pencil for those who completed the Carnaval passeport. Bravo Seaforth !!"



Grade 4 & 7 - 2013 Ministry of Education Electronic Anonymous Satisfaction Survey Project

Through to March 31st, Burnaby School District 41 is participating in the 2013 Ministry of Education Electronic Anonymous Satisfaction Survey Project in cooperation with all other school districts throughout the Province.

Students, Staff and Parents/Guardians can complete the Internet Electronic Anonymous Surveys until 5:00 pm, March 31st, providing immediate satisfaction level results to the school and the district. Students should be encouraged not to collaborate or discuss their responses while doing the survey. A unique anonymous code is needed for each survey participant in order to complete the survey and should not be shared.

Grade 4 & Grade 7 Student and Parent Unique Survey codes were sent home early this month.

Thank you for participating in this innovative project. If you need more information or would like to see the results for the District or your school, consult with the school administration.

Letters of Attendance

From time to time, families require evidence that children are registered and attending Seaforth School. Please note that there is a \$7 charge for each letter we provide to you. Also, kindly give the office at least a 3 day window to produce the letter you require. Thank you.

Safe & Caring Schools – see email attachment #3

Please see the attached letter which accompanies this newsletter email from:

Baljinder Narang	and	Kevin Kaardal
Chair		Superintendent/CEO
Burnaby Board of Education		Burnaby School District

Kindergarten (English Program) Registrations for September 2013



We are currently accepting registrations for children who will be starting English Kindergarten in September 2013. Children who will be 5 years of age by December 31, 2013 are eligible for registration. Registration times are 9:30-10:15 a.m., 11:00-11:45 a.m., and 1:15-2:45 p.m. Forms may be downloaded from the Burnaby School District website www.sd41.bc.ca

In order to serve you better when registering your child, please see the following as required by the Burnaby School District and Ministry of Education:

REGISTRATION PROCEDURES

Students must reside with their parents or legal guardian. (To register as an international student, visit studyinburnaby.ca.)

Parents or guardians **must** accompany their child to the registration appointment and bring the following original documentation:

- 1) **Proof of birth date for the student** (birth certificate or passport)
- 2) **Proof of guardianship** (parents' or guardians' as shown on birth certificate or other appropriate legal documentation such as landed immigrant paper or guardianship order). Note that a notarized custodial guardian appointment is not the same as a guardianship order granted by the courts
- 3) **Proof of citizenship for both the parent and the student** (Canadian birth certificate, citizenship card, passport, landed immigrant document, permanent resident card)
- 4) **Proof of residency of the parent or guardian and student.** This must include two items, at least one being from Category A below:
Category A: proof of ownership of dwelling or long-term lease or rental of dwelling; legal documents indicating BC residence; parent or guardian filing income tax returns as a BC resident
Category B: BC hydro bill, BC cable bill, Provincial driver's licence, provincial registration of automobile, Canadian bank accounts or credit cards
- 5) **Immunization records**
- 6) A completed [Burnaby School District Student Information Form](#) 
- 7) A completed [Burnaby School District Medical Information Form](#) 
- 8) **Copy of the student's most recent school marks** (including summer school), such as:
 - a) an official copy of marks from the student's Permanent Record Card; or
 - b) the student's most recent report card; or
 - c) a transcript of academic record; or
 - d) a transfer form with marks
- 9) An **emergency telephone contact number** of a local person who is available during school hours
- 10) The **name and telephone number of the family doctor or medical clinic**

*All original documents must be presented at the time of registration
for your child's registration to be complete.*



This is a picture of Division 7 in front of our mural!
Our murals are currently on display at the School Board Office.



This is Division 7's mural!

2013 Minerals Roundup

Seaforth Divisions 7 and 9 went to the Bayshore Hotel for the 2013 Minerals Roundup on January 29, 2013. Every group went to six different stations and learned different things about mining. We also brought our favourite rocks for real geologists, to guess what type of rocks they were and some of us were able to stump them (the geologists.) Some of us got different gifts like rubber ducks. The last thing we did was gold panning and some of us got pieces of real **GOLD!!!!!!!!!!**

Criminal Record Checks Required for Volunteers

Please note that ALL volunteers at Seaforth School must provide a current criminal record check (yes, this includes parents, grandparents and care givers). There is no cost to you if you request a letter from the office.

2013 Prime Minister's Awards – Call for Nominations Celebrating
20 years of Excellence in Education

**Do you know an outstanding educator?
Nominate them today for the Prime Minister's Awards!
Deadline: March 31, 2013**

Guidelines and nomination forms for the 2013 Prime Minister's Awards for Teaching Excellence and Excellence in Early Childhood Education are [now available](#). Awards are worth up to \$5000 and winners are honoured by the Prime Minister.

Please spread the word, and help ensure that outstanding Canadian educators receive the recognition they deserve.

Visit www.pma.gc.ca to download the nomination package today!

Need inspiration? Check out the 2012 recipients online.



PARENT VOLUNTEER REQUESTED

The Grade 4/5 Track Team is in need of a parent volunteer to coordinate drivers to and from the events at Swangard Stadium. Dates of the events are April 18, May 2 and May 7. Volunteer is **not** required to attend practices or events.

**Please contact Monsieur March, Room 20 or
george.march@sd41.bc.ca**

Kindness Displays – February 2013





ÉCOLE SEAFORTH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL

Many thanks to the parents who came to the February PAC meeting. We do not have a meeting in March, so the next meeting will be held on April 17 from 7-9pm in the school library. Babysitting is provided.

Scholastic Book Fair – April 23–25

Birdie Chan has kindly offered to organize a spring Scholastic Book Fair, taking place from April 23–25. These fairs raise a great deal of money that is used to buy new books for the library to support ALL of our children, and we need more volunteers! If you can help with set up on April 22 or can volunteer for a couple of hours during the book fair from April 23–25, please email birdie.chan8@gmail.com.

Spirit Day – April 26

This year Spirit Day will be held on Friday, April 26 and we're trying something a little different with a "themed" Spirit Day focused on The Environment. Topics could include outdoor scavenger hunts, plant and bird identification, sustainability, recycling, green transportation, energy, crafts, gardening and even sports, since we're part of the environment too and human health is important. Each student will have the opportunity to attend three different one-hour-long workshops during the school day. If you can host a workshop for Spirit Day, please email Gail Su at gailmsu@hotmail.com. If you would like to be a presenter but are unsure what to do, we have a list of workshop ideas that can help you decide! If you have a workshop idea but can't figure out how it fits with the Environment theme, please get in touch and we'll work together to try and make it fit! We would also appreciate if you could approach other potential presenters. Many of our students are enrolled in interesting and unique extracurricular activities and if you think their instructors would like to host a Spirit Day workshop please ask them to get in touch with Gail, or email us their information and we can contact them directly.

Family Social – Western Night, May 3

Planning for Seaforth's Western Night is well underway! We're planning activities that will be fun for the entire family, including some Western-themed games, a bouncy castle for the little ones and a mechanical bull for people with a bit of a wild side. The evening will include good 'ol Texas food, an ice cream bar, and of course class baskets and other items for our traditional silent auction. The PAC has focused on building a stronger school community over the past few years, and we think a Family Social will provide a great opportunity to get to know other families at the school and hopefully make new friends! We do need more volunteers to make this event a success. If you can help at the event or can solicit items for the silent auction, please email chair@seaforthpac.net.

Pink Shirt Day

Congratulations to Julia Han for designing Seaforth's Pink Shirt Day t-shirts for 2013! Julia's message that "Kindness is Louder than Bullying" and her drawing of children supporting each other resonates with the theme that working together and being kind to each other makes the world a better place. All of the designs that we received were posted in the gym for the Pink Shirt Day assembly – many thanks to all of the students who submitted a design and to the more than 100 students and parents who purchased a Seaforth Pink Shirt to show their support for the day. Special thanks to MaryAnn Giardini for coordinating t-shirt orders, and to MaryAnn and her daughter Julia for sorting through all of the t-shirts and delivering them to their rightful owners!



Traffic Safety

Speaking of kindness and respect, traffic on Piper Ave is flowing more smoothly but we've noticed that on days when we don't have a traffic safety person out there, people are still parking/stopping/waiting in the pick-up/drop-off zone. We all know the rules, and we all want to keep our children safe. Please respect the rules, and respect other parents, and do not stop in the pick-up/drop-off zone any longer than the time it takes for your kids to climb in the car and buckle up. If your children are not there when it's your turn to use the pick-up/drop-off zone, you need to drive down to the end of Piper, turn around, and come back. Likewise, you cannot park or wait at the top of the cul-de-sac. First, that completely blocks the flow of traffic and it serves only to make everybody angry and stressed. Second, you're blocking the driveway to the City of Burnaby workplace at the top of the hill. If you can take 10 or 15 minutes of your day to help with traffic safety, please email Sophia Yuen at rexieyuen@gmail.com for more info.

Seaforth Sun Run Team

We have 48 people registered for the Seaforth Sun Run Team, which is fantastic! But we need 9 more kids to make the child:adult ratio to qualify as a school team. All kids will be running or walking in small groups under the supervision of an adult, so kids are welcome to be part of the team without their parent participating. And we're planning to rent a bus to transport us to/from the race so you don't even need to drive! The only qualification is that the kids must be able to complete the entire 10K, either by walking or running, and they need to commit to sticking with their group. The cut-off for registration is March 8. If your kids want to participate, or if you know of any Seaforth alumni who want to participate, please contact MaryAnn at magiardini@telus.net for more details.

We welcome your feedback and opinions. Please do not hesitate to call me at 604-219-2824 or send a note to chair@seaforthpac.net.

Yours truly,
Rhylin Bailie, PAC Chairperson
chair@seaforthpac.net

Community News

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For more information check out

www.lyndhurstpreschool.com

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Vicki at 604 861 9198 or Lyn at 604 421 4737

Swim Strong, Swim Faster

Burnaby Barracudas Aquatics Club is inviting all boys and girls to join us for our Spring Aquatics Camp. This is an opportunity for kids to experience what swim club and water polo is all about - and this year we will also be introducing diving. Children will have a chance to improve their swim strokes by working with our experienced coaches and receive an introduction into the exciting sport of water polo as well as diving.

Our spring camp is on **Sunday, March 10**, from **11 am – 1 pm** at SFU Pool 8888 University Drive.

For more information contact Mary Blazevec at 604-521-9515 or sign up today

registrar@burnabybarracudas.com

www.burnabybarracudas.com



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